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FIRST DAY.—SATURDAY, SEPT. 12TH, 1897.

The Pearl River Baptist Association met in its Seventy-eight annual session, with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church, Lincoln county, Miss.

After singing the old song, "Amazing Grace," the Moderator read the sixth chapter of Ephesians and Rev. W. H. Williams led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association open and in order for business.

Brethren J. B. Dale and J. T. Dale were appointed reading clerks, whereupon the letters from the various churches composing this Association were read and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Brethren John Pittman and E. J. Pittman were appointed a committee on Finance.

The Association went into the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of the former officers by acclamation, viz: Rev. R. R. Turnage, Moderator; N. S. Buckley, Treasurer; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.

The Association adjourned to listen to the preaching of the Introductory sermon by Rev. R. R. Turnage.

The congregation assembled according to the appointment, and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Einley.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. R. Turnage from Jeremiah 31: 3—"I have loved thee."

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Bailey.

On motion, adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Benediction by the Moderator.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing, prayer was offered by Rev. A. F. Davis.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

The letter from Providence church failing to come, and part of the delegation being present, on motion, the delegates present were received, they promising to forward to the Clerk the letter and funds from that church.

The pastor and deacons of Pleasant Hill church and Brethren B. S. Watts and W. J. Carter were appointed as a committee on Devotional Exercises.

Received correspondence as follows:

From the Pearl Leaf Association—Elds. J. L. Finley and W. E. Hathorn.

From the Bogue Chitto Association—Elds. A. F. Davis, J. L. Price, and Brethren S. W. Walker, W. J. Price, W. H. Reeves, W. R. Johnson and W. M. Green as messengers.

From Hobolochitto Association—A letter and minutes by her messenger, E. E. Williams.

From Pearl River Colored Baptist Association—A letter and minutes by her messenger, Eld. Reuben Fields.

From West Pearl River Association—A letter and no messenger.

From Magee's Creek Association—A letter by her messenger, Bro. E. L. Reeves.

From Fair River Association—A letter and minutes by her messengers, Eld. J. A. Scarborough, and Brethren T. J. Gibson, J. L. Summers and H. F. Shivers.

Correspondence was arranged as follows:

To Bogue Chitto Association—Eld. E. A. Hanlin and Brethren Jasper Price and J. A. Price as messengers.

To Magee's Creek Association—Eld. W. H. Williams and

Brethren J. L. Bullock, J. C. Williamson, W. N. Forbes and J. D. Wallace as messengers.

To Hobolochitto Association—

To Fair River Association—Eld. E. A. Hanlin and Brethren J. M. Polk and S. T. Price as messengers.

To Strong River Association—

To Pearl Leaf Association—Elds. E. A. Hanlin, J. M. Ritchie and Brethren John Pittman, W. J. Carter and Lem Speights as messengers.

To Pearl River Colored Association—Brethren Jno. Pittman and L. J. Bullock as messengers.

To Baptist State Convention—Brethren J. B. Dale, W. J. Armstrong, H. H. Williams, W. C. Maxwell, W. V. Jones, J. A. Price, L. J. Bullock and Elders R. R. Turnage and J. M. Ritchie as messengers.

On motion, Rev. W. H. Williams was appointed as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following partial report on Devotional Exercises was received, as follows: That Bro. John Polk preach at the stand this afternoon; Sunday School mass meeting at 10 o'clock tomorrow, Rev. J. L. Price to conduct the same; Rev. W. H. Williams to preach in the house Sunday at 11 o'clock and Rev. J. L. Finley at the stand at the same hour; Rev. W. E. Hathorn in the house at 2 o'clock and Rev. A. F. Davis at the stand.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. Crawford, Chairman.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Systematic Giving—Bro. W. J. Armstrong.

On Intemperance.—Rev. J. T. Dale.

On Ministerial Education—Rev. W. H. Williams.

On Pastoral Support—Bro. J. B. Dale.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. A. F. Davis.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. J. M. Ritchie.

On State Missions—Bro. W. C. Maxwell.

On Obituary—Bro. J. A. Price.

On Abstracts—Bro. W. L. Stringer.

On Apportionment—Brethren W. N. Forbes, W. D. Wilson, John Pittman, Sampson Pope, Geo. Robertson, J. M. Polk, J.

H. Johnston, W. J. Carter, B. S. Watts, C. N. Beard, John Cooper, J. I. Ellzey, J. A. Price, L. J. Bullock, H. P. Pittman, J. C. Ryals, J. M. Fortenberry, S. T. Price, J. C. Williamson, J. A. Price.

The following reports were read, discussed and adopted:

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your committee on Sustentation would submit the following report:

Webster defines the word to mean "support," and we see that support is what is prepared and furnished to sustain and keep us in comfort. Viewed from a Christian standpoint, the subject claims more of our thought than we are willing to give to it. We believe it is our duty (morally) to help those of our fellow creatures who are *really* in need of our help. We are led to believe that this Association applies this subject to aged ministers of the gospel, who, by reason of age or other disability, are not able to preach or labor, and having given their entire time to the ministry and for less pay than the nature of their work deserves, have not had the opportunity to obtain property as the masses have had, that they might have something upon which to depend for a support when no longer able to labor. We are too much inclined to treat those old veterans of the Cross as some men do an old-worn out horse that is no longer able to serve and is turned out on the grass to starve by littles, as it were, for want of food with-held from him by those for whom he has labored and toiled until no longer able to work, is at last neglected and left to suffer and die without friends. This condition of affairs applies to others besides preachers. How often have we heard of worthy individuals neglected when not able to help themselves? Brethren, these things ought not to be! God's word teaches us our duty along this line, if we will study on it. The Apostles had this subject under consideration, in the infancy of the church, when deacons were appointed to look after this business. Your committee would recommend that if there is such an one within the bounds of this Association it should be reported to the body, and that we contribute liberally to such, whether preachers or lay

members, and our efforts will not be lost, for the Lord has declared it.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. Polk, Committee.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

This institution has been brought up to its present high standard of excellence and usefulness by the untiring efforts of Mississippi Baptists. Too much money and labor have been been expended by Baptists in the past for us to now fail to give it our hearty support. The present standard must be maintained, and, if possible, raised higher. The amount of good accomplished for the Baptist cause in our State through Mississippi College is inestimable. It is the nursury and promulgator of Baptist doctrines in Mississippi. Many ministers, young men without means, who have been educated in this dear old school, have gone forth doing battle for the Lord with strength and power. Through and by means of the training received by our ministers at this college they have been able to compete successfully with the strong men of other denominations, while the ministerial department of the college is the most important to the Baptists of the State. The other departments are very important. The seeds sown here and implanted in the bosoms of our boys are destined to grow and disseminate through our State as seed sown in good ground and return to us a manifold harvest. This college has made our denomination a power in Mississippi, and it is necessary to our very existence that we give to it our continued hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,
W. V. Jones, Committee.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

Sunday morning the house was packed before the hour for the Sunday School exercises, which were conducted by Rev. J. L. Price, and talks were made by many of the brethren, showing the necessity and advantages of the Sunday School, after which Elders J. L. Finley and W. H. Williams filled their appointments to large and attentive congregations. Owing to

heavy rainfall, the balance of the program of the committee on Religious Exercises was abandoned and the congregations were dismissed.

SECOND DAY.—MONDAY, SEPT. 13, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing hymns of praise and the Moderator reading from the Scriptures, prayers were offered by Elds. J. L. Finley, A. F. Davis and J. T. Dale.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The corresponding letter from Providence church was read and the statistics were noted.

Reports were continued, as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

There is an old idea, and yet somewhat in existence, that when God has called a man to preach the gospel that he will also put the word in his mouth, but fortunately, this idea is passing away; otherwise there would be no need of this report. Therefore, the man of God, to be an efficient teacher of the people, must have preparation—not merely a classical education, but a continual study of the gospel and a preparation of his sermons. This requires time, and the churches should make this time possible by contributing to his support. As "the labor is worthy of his hire," those who hire him should pay him for his labor. The churches whose pastors have to labor for the support of their families are seldom prosperous or progressive. The teacher must know more than those to be taught; otherwise, none will be edified. Then the church, to receive those benefits, must have their pastor's whole time, and to have this time the church must support him of their substance. To render this support successfully, there should be a complete financial system in our churches before we can expect the full measure of God's blessing for which we have the privilege to hope.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. DALE, Chairman.

FINAL REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your committee on Devotional Exercises, beg to submit this as our final report: That Bro. W. H. Williams preach the Introductory sermon at the next meeting of this Association, and that Bro. J. T. Dale be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions submit the following report:

That we are gratified to state that under the wise management of our Convention Board the cause of State missions is gradually growing in the hearts of our people. During part of the Conventional year there have been 137 stations occupied by our missionaries, sustained wholly or in part by contributions made by the churches throughout the State. As a blessed result of the labors of our missionaries, there have 547 converts baptized; baptized by others in meetings where our missionaries labored, 649; received by letter, 429; restored to church fellowship, 89. Thus it is seen that through the influence of our State mission work there have been added to our roll during the past year 1714 members. In addition to this increase in membership there have been 13 churches organized, 21 church houses under course of erection, 10 of which have been completed. Brethren, this is the work of our churches, through the State Board, which is helpless without sympathy and co-operation. True, they may in our judgment make mistakes, but it is quite likely that their mistakes have been less than many of us would have made under similar circumstances. In view of the fact that God has so blessed our State mission work in the past, your committee has no new plan to suggest, but would urge upon the churches of this Association to stand firmly by our Board with their prayers and contributions until every destitute portion of our State is supplied with the old but wonderful story of the blessed Redeemer and His cross.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: There has been considerable advancement in the Sunday School work. We believe that the churches should organize, direct and sustain the Sunday School cause. We believe that an unceasing and well directed effort on the part of those now engaged in the work will result in bringing many more into the Sunday School work. We urge our pastors to press the subject of Sunday School work upon our churches, as a matter of Christian duty. If the Sunday School Board of this Association have not adopted the lesson helps of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, we would urge upon them to do so at once. We think it a commendable institution. We regard the Sunday School as a training institution for Christian usefulness. Shall we take advantage of these noble opportunities? Shall we fight the battle of the Lord with untrained soldiers? or shall we give heed to call to duty and thus prepare ourselves and the rising generation for efficient service in the battle of life? We commend the work of our Sunday School conventions, which are doing noble work in some localities. In the Sunday School and conventional work, our young people are being brought to the front; thus their powers for good are developed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Davis, Chairman.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Intemperance would submit the following report:

That if there is a curse of all curses it is intemperance. If there is one evil more than another that is plunging men headlong into shame and degredation, into wretchedness and hell, it is intemperance. Every generation in almost every age and every nation has felt its destructive hand. Fond hopes have been blighted, honorable purposes thwarted, laudable ambitions checked, grand possibilities destroyed, earnest resolutions broken, human lives wrecked, and immortal souls lost. Rum goes into royal palaces, drags down and inebriates regal authorities, overthrowing kingdoms. Rum goes into legislative halls,

makes demagogues and demons of men, and places its iron wheel upon a once happy and free people. Alexandra, the conquering Macedonian, after conquering the known world, fell a victim to "Hercules fatal cup,"—died a drunkard at the age of thirty-two. Thus we find whisky striking man down at every period of life—the vigorous youth, stalwart manhood, and decrepit age. Viewing these facts, we as Mississippians should glory that only four or five out of the 75 counties constituting our State are anti-prohibition. Our shackles here have been broken—ours is a prohibition State. Today Mississippi stands as a glittering star heralding the dawn of National prohibition, a star guiding other States to the Bethlehem of united Christian effort, where is born the babe—total abstinence—which is to redeem the world from the clutches of this world-wide curse, intemperance. While we have reason to rejoice over present attainments, we have reasons to work, reasons to weep, because of "blind tigers" yet remaining in forest and glen. Let us work, watch, pray, until ours is an Association with not one quart of this uuadulterated, double-distilled extract of poison sold within its bounds; until ours is a State with not one gallon sold within its guilt-edged borders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. DALE, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Benediction by Bro. John Polk.

Met pursuant to adjournment in the afternoon.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Reports were continued and discussed as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee submits the following report:

First the commission was given to the disciples by our blessed Master while he was on earth and spake as other men did, and yet the commission remaineth the same, which is: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to each and every creature," and while we can not respond to this summons and cross the deep blue waters that God's divine power only

ruled, yet it is our duty as Christians, as soldiers for Christ, to donate liberally and freely to defray the expenses of those who do go forth with God's blessed word as a helm, with a shield of faith which will ever preserve, and with the armor of Christ as his protection to do God's service. Then with our means and our prayers let us sustain the men of God in the foreign fields. Your committee would urge the pastors of this Association to preach on this subject that they may, through the divine aid of the Maker, be able to arouse God's people to a sense of their duty. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and we do believe the Lord will bless and prosper—at least spiritually—each person according to amount given and the manner in which he gives it.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. RITCHIE, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The secret in any organization is found in skilled workmanship. No order, company, or organization will employ an agent who is not, in their opinion, well qualified and worthy of the responsibilities that their business compels them to place upon him. In this advanced age, the responsibilities in every occupation of life seem to be increasing, and by none are the responsibilities more severely felt than by the young ministers of the gospel, who have not been able to attain the higher educational advantages which their life's work so demands. We believe that ministers are called of God, and in order for them to do their work efficiently they must be educated. At this advanced age of intelligence the world demands an intelligent, as well as a spiritual man, to preach God's word, and in order for us to receive the most good from our preachers, we must have the best educated, for he who wishes to teach others must himself be educated. Then we believe it to be the duty of our churches to assist young ministers in obtaining an education that they may be better equipped to elucidate the word. Education is power; then if this be true, let us be about our Master's business and see to it that our young ministers be educated before we as Baptists lay hands on them and give

them authority of the church to go forth and preach. As Mississippi College has done much for the Baptists of the State, we most heartily recommend it as institution worthy of support and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

On motion, the speeches were limited to five minutes.

On motion, the report on Ministerial Education was amended so as to strike out that part recommending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Your committee on Systematic Giving would beg leave to submit the following report:

We feel that one of the great needs of the churches is more system in their work, and more especially in the matter of giving, as we are all agreed that it requires system in any business to make it a success. Christ taught that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"; also, "the first of the fruits of the land thou shall give into the house of the Lord thy God"; also, that "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." We would recommend that monthly collections be taken up by the churches to defray the expenses. We would urge the deacons to try to reach every member, male and female, to assist in this work as the Lord has prospered, and that quarterly collections be taken for the support of the pastor, thereby enabling him to be free from financial embarressment so that he can give his entire time to the work of evangelizing the world. We would say that systematic giving will bring blessing to the giver beyond his expectations, and the church and pastor will be drawn closer together and the cause of Christ will be glorified.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We beg to submit the following report:

That we believe the mind and the heart, the life and the destiny of man, are moulded and shaped largely by reading.

Thus reading becomes a potent factor for good or for evil, for electing man to a sphere approximating that of pristine purity, enjoyed in Eden, or sending him down, down into abysmal depths of degeneracy, profiligacy and prostitution. At the end of the fifteenth century, the closing of an era of intellectual darkness was marked by the rise of printing, which was to the intellectual world what the sun is to the physical. With printing comes reading; with reading comes thinking; with thinking comes action; with action comes intellectual, social, political, and spiritual progress. With much reading comes much thinking. The trend and character of thought always takes its coloring from the character of the literature read. Standard and wholesome literature produces chaste and wholesome thought, pure and noble purposes, virtuous and Christ-like action, while trashy and unwholesome literature produces thoughts impure, capricious purposes, degraded and demon-like aspirations. Today it behooves us to choose with care the literature we use. First, because with the modern printing press there is issued daily millions of tracts, periodicals, newspapers, and books which are degrading in their influence. Secondly, because with the rise of innumerable heresies now extant comes forth a flood of trashy literature and fatal doctrines leading men from truth to err, from Christianity to idolatry. Then man must read productions of virtuous, unbiased, orthodox authors in order to be a true parent, a true Christian, or a true citizen. Therefore, we request every church member to become a student of good literature, more especially the Bible. We therefore suggest that every member of this Association subscribe for and purchase the following papers and books, towit: Papers—The Baptist Layman, published at Winona, Miss.; the Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss.; the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va. Books: Baptist Doctrine, by C. A. Jenkins; Baptist Layman Hand Book, by Dr. R. A. Venable.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Bro. W. C. Mobley.

REPORT ON ABSTRACTS.

Your committee on Abstracts beg to submit the following report:

Antioch—
Bethel—R. R. Drummonds, pastor.
Columbia—W. H. Williams, pastor.
Cedar Grove—W. H. Williams, pastor.
Clear Springs—W. E. Hathorn, pastor.
Crooked Creek—J. C. Buckley, pastor.
Ebenezer—W. E. Hathorn, pastor.
Holly Springs—R. R. Turnage, pastor.
Hepzibah—J. L. Finley, pastor.
Magee's Creek—J. L. Price, pastor.
New Hope (Marion)—R. R. Turnage, pastor.
New Hope (Lawrence)—W. T. Jordan, pastor.
Providence—W. R. Johnson, pastor.
Pleasant Hill—B. A. Crawford, pastor.
Pearl Valley—B. A. Crawford, pastor.
Prine Springs—J. B. Fortenberry, pastor.
Society Hill—R. R. Turnage, pastor.
Silver Creek—J. L. Finley, pastor.
Shiloh—C. P. Toney, pastor.
Number of baptisms during this Associational year, 230.
Number restored, 16.
Total membership, 2052.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. STRINGER, Chairman.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

COMMENCING OCT. 1ST, 1896, AND ENDING SEPT. 1897.

No. of days worked	27	No. of sermons preached	13
" prayers delivered	36	" miles traveled	360
" days from Oct. '95, to Sept. '96			77
Total number of days worked			104
Salary per day, $2.00			$208.00
Received from State Board			100.00
" " Treas. of Association this year			71.00
Balance due for this year			$27.00

R. R. TURNAGE, Missionary.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report:

That the angel of Death has visited us during the past Associational year, removing from our membership several of our brethren and sisters, some of whom we will mention, and would be glad to make a brief mentioning of all, but not having obtained them from several of the churches, cannot do so. We mention sister Mollie Blount, a member of Clear Springs, who died Dec. 12, 1896; was born Oct. 7, 1868; united with the church in 1885. Bro. C. B. Loftin, who was a member of Clear Springs church, was born January 1865; joined the church at Clear Springs July 10, 1893; died June 14, 1897. Sister Charity E. Hall, who was a member of Pleasant Hill church, departed this life July 31, 1897, at the age of 40 years. She lived a devoted Christian life, and died in the full triumph of faith. Sister Mary M. Rawls, who died June 10, 1897, was a member of Pleasant Hill church for 13 years, and died ripe in the faith. We also mention sister Judy Cothern, who was a devoted Christian and a good Sunday School worker. She was a member of Providence church. Her memory will continue to live; and sister Nancy Alexander, who was also a member of Providence church, and a devoted Christian; also, sister Elizabeth Cannon, who died after a short illness. She was a member of Silver Creek church, was a devout Christian, a kind and affectionate mother. Sister Ardelar Alexander was born March 13, 1883; united with Providence church July 1896; departed this life Nov. 3, 1896. She was a worthy member with us, and lived an honor to her profession.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Price, Chairman.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER CHARITY HALL,

who departed this life in Lincoln county, Miss., July 31, 1897, at the age of forty years. She had been a member of Pleasant Hill church 22 years, during which time she was a faithful member, a kind and affectionate wife, and a devoted mother, ever ready to give a kind and instructive word to those that ask,

and while our loss is great her gain is greater. The Lord knows them that trust Him and gives them eternal life. She was married to James Hall in the year 1876. She leaves an aged mother, a husband and nine children, with a host of friends, to mourn her loss. Her voice will be no longer heard until we meet in the "sweet by and by."

J. Q. KYZER, } Committee.
J. A. PRICE.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER MAGDALINE RAWLS.

The subject of this sketch was born February 25, 1861; died June 20, 1897. She united with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church August 8, 1884, and there remained a devoted Christian until the day of her death. Her 15-year-old son died 50 days later. Her husband was also laid to rest by her side, they all dying of typhoid fever. She leaves eight children to fight the battle of life without father or mother. She was a kind wife, a fond and loving mother, and to know her was to love her. When she had reached the margin of the rolling flood of the mystic stream of Death, she pillowed her head upon the promises of the God of her salvation and feared not. No clouds darkened her way, no terrors shook her soul—her last words were, "home, sweet home." She breathed life sweetly away. There rest, weary spirit, and sleep on, dear Mary, until the resurrection morn.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

J. Q. KYZER, } Committee.
J. A. PRICE.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct and sustained by cash and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PITTMAN, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. S. BUCKLEY, Treasurer,

In account with the Pearl River Baptist Association:

Sept. 11, 1897.

To amount cash on hand		$164.20
" received this year for Associational purposes		56.00
" " for State Missions		197.00
" " " Foreign Missions		23.55
" " " Home Missions		2.00
" " " Ministerial Education		5.00
" " cash collection for Bro. Jno. Polk		7.15
		454.90

CREDITS.

By amount paid A. V. Rowe, Secretary Convention B'd for Foreign Missions	$45.25	
" " A. V. Rowe for Home Missions	11.00	
" " R. R. Turnage for State "	41.75	
" " W. J. Armstrong for printing and distributing minutes	55.55	
" " R. C. Murray for Ministerial Education	18.90	
" " R. R. Turnage for State Missions 1897	71.00	
" " Bro. John Polk	7.15	
		250.60
To balance cash on hand		$204.30

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BUCKLEY, Treasurer.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee on Apportionment, would beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have apportioned to each church composing this Association, and ask them to raise the following amounts for the missionary work during the next Associational year, and more if possible:

Antioch	$ 5.00	Bethel	$15.00
Black Jack Grove	5.00	Cedar Grove	10.00
Columbia	30.00	Clear Springs	5.00
Crooked Creek	20.00	Ebenezer	25.00
Holly Springs	5.00	Hepzibah	7.50
Magee's Creek	15.00	New Hope, Marion	10.00
New Hope, Lawrence	5.00	Providence	10.00
Pleasant Hill	10.00	Prine Springs	5.00
Society Hill	45.00	Silver Creek	15.00
Shiloh	5.00		

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. JOHNTSON, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Association be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of $27.00 out of State Mission fund, it being amount balance due him as missionary in the bounds of this Association.

Ordered, That the State Mission funds now in the hands of the Treasurer be kept by him until he is ordered to pay the same out by the local executive board of this Association.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay all monies in his hands for Foreign and Home Missions and Ministerial Education to the Secretaries of the Board of each fund.

On motion, the former Executive Board was continued for the next Associational year.

On motion, it was ordered that the obituaries of sister Mary Magdeline Rawls and sister Charity Hall be printed in these minutes, their friends defraying the expenses of the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes, and he be allowed $15.00 for his services, and that he draw on the Treasurer for the necessary monies to defray the expenses of the same.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the membership of this church and the people of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body at its present session

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Prine Springs Baptist church, Marion county, Miss., nine miles north of Columbia on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D., 1898.

R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Counties	Post Office	Names of Delegates	Baptized	Rec'd by Lett'r	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Males	Females	Total	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Paid for Minutes	Other Objects	Value House of Worship	S. S. Officers	S. S. Scholars	Sun. School Expenses	Expended on Building	Ord'd Min.	Other Property
Antioch	Marion	Buford	W. N. Forbes, J. T. Hammond	2	1	..	1	..	2	22	38	60	....	.....	.....	$ 5 00	$1 50	$25 00	$300	4	45	$4 00		..	....
Bethel	Lawrence	Monticello	W. D. Wilson, J. J. Miller, T. J. Andrews	10	5	2	5	1	1	35	75	110	$100	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	5 00	2 50	12 50	500	..	...	.....		..	....
Black Jack Gr'v	Marion	Columbia	John Pittman, M. J. Broom, J. R. Lott	2	12	..	1	..	..	16	19	35	70	.....	.....	3 00	1 50	.....	125	3	25	.....		..	....
Columbia	"	"	W. H. Williams, W. C. Mobley, S. Pope	...	5	..	2	1	1	37	74	111	200	.....	.....	25 00	3 00	.....	1500	6	75	24 00		1	$150
Cedar Grove	"	"	J. M. Ritchie, Geo. Robertson, B. L. Fortenberry	...	2	..	2	..	..	..	....	90	....	.....	.....	9 25	3 00	.....	....	..	...	.....		..	20
Crooked Creek	Lawrence	Hooker	J. H. Johnston, M. Stringer, J. T. Dale, C. C. Culpepper	7	..	2	5	1	4	68	86	154	130	15 75	.....	.....	3 00	23 60	500	7	50	2 55		1	....
Clear Springs	"	Blountville	J. M. Polk, T. A. Loftin, W. T. Loftin	5	5	..	7	..	2	17	30	47	75	.....	.....	10 00	2 00	.....	200	..	...	.....		..	....
Ebenezer	Covingt'n	Carley	W. J. Carter, L. S. Speights	10	19	..	16	..	1	61	103	164	125	.....	.....	31 40	4 50	20 55	500	..	...	.....		..	60
Hepzibah	Lawrence	Bournham	B. S. Watts, I. E. Fortenberry, J. W. Bourn	6	1	1	3	10	1	25	61	86	125	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	6 85	540	..	...	.....		..	....
Holly Springs	Marion	Buford	C. N. Beard, John Cooper, J. M. Newman	5	5	..	2	3	2	54	70	124	....	.....	.....	5 00	2 50	.....	250	4	36	.....	$12 00	..	....
Magee's Creek	Pike	Manning	W. V. Jones, J. I. Ellzey, J. D. Thornhill	3	5	..	2	7	1	40	60	100	100	18 20	.....	4 00	2 50	5 75	400	..	...	.....		..	....
Pleasant Hill	Lincoln	Bogue Chitto	J. A. Price, J. Q. Kyzer, A. A. Byrne	3	4	1	13	1	2	33	69	102	75	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	350	8	40	.....		..	....
Providence	Lawrence	Boyd	C. F. Carney, J. D. Boon, J. E. Powell, J. R. Boyd	39	8	1	1	3	3	82	111	193	....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	2 00	250	20	122	6 45		..	....
Prine Springs	Marion	Goss	J. C. Ryals, W. S. Robertson, John Ryals	6	5	1	2	2	..	43	61	104	....	.....	5 00	.....	3 50	.....	300	6	60	1 50		..	....
New Hope	Lawrence	Monticello	Daniel Glover, L. J. Bullock	...	2	..	2	..	1	18	16	34	....	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	300	5	18	3 00		..	....
New Hope	Marion	Columbia	R. R. Turnage, H. P. Pittman, E. J. Pittman, A. Q. McKenzie	6	2	..	..	..	1	59	107	166	....	.....	.....	10 00	3 00	2 00	600	..	75	.....		..	....
Shiloh	"	Buford	J. C. Williamson, J. D. Wallace, G. W. Toney	12	9	..	..	..	..	35	34	....	....	.....	.....	5 00	2 50	.....	250	..	...	.....		..	....
Society Hill	"	Society Hill	N. S. Buckley, J. Fortenberry, J. B. Dale	10	5	3	9	26	..	101	173	274	200	.....	.....	40 00	6 00	13 00	300	..	...	.....		..	50
Silver Creek	Lawrence	Arm	W. J. Armstrong, E. A. Hanlin, S. T. Price, W. L. Stringer	5	..	1	6	5	1	51	78	129	150	.....	.....	15 00	4 00	20 00	150	..	...	.....		1	25
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